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## REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated April 11, 2006, the claims of Group XI (Claims 16-17, 40-49 and 52), drawn to a method of treating an miR15 mediated cancer in a subject in need of such treatment using autologous cells transfected with a nucleic acid comprising a sequence encoding an effective amount of an miR15 gene product, are elected for prosecution. A Petition to Extend the Shortened Statutory Period for five months, from May 11, 2006 to October 11, 2006, and the appropriate fee, are being filed concurrently with this Reply. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.